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Commissioner for Patents**SUSPENSION**

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Attachment: An Examiner's Amendment is attached.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for the Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Shelley Fussey on November 11, 2004, and January 13, 2005, respectively.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please replace claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) A method of expressing a truncated version of HG20 protein comprising:

(a) transfecting a host cell with an expression vector that encodes an HG20 protein that has been truncated at the carboxy terminus, wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence defined by positions 1-480 as set forth in SEQ.ID.NO.:2;

(b) culturing the transfected cells of step (a) under conditions such that the truncated HG20 protein is expressed.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 2 in another application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure Statement filed 09/27/04 has been considered and does not affect the patentability of the pending claims.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Claire M. Kaufman, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0873. Dr. Kaufman can generally be reached Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30AM to 2:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa, can be reached at (571) 272-0829.

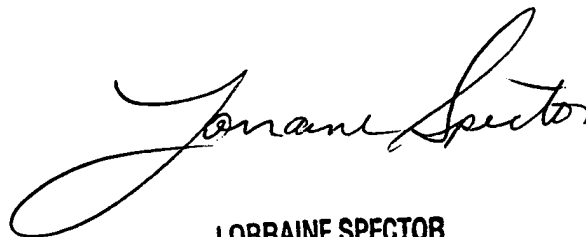
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

Claire M. Kaufman, Ph.D.

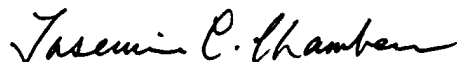


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